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## WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—For Lower Michigan—Fair and variable winds; mostly southerly.

## IT'S A NOISANCE.

Three broken legs, three sprained ankles and several scores of bruises form last night's coasting record on the Fountain street hill. Six persons were severely injured and several others bruised and shaken up. Coasting is one of young America's greatest institutions; but it is equally as dangerous as the cigarette or the toy pistol habit. Coasting seems to be a necessary evil. It is a historic amusement, and every youngster in the land would weep long and loud if he were denied the inherent right to slide down hill, at the risk of his life, liberty and future pursuit of happiness. But it is a question whether the younger generation should be allowed to continue its present course of blowing off its fingers in summer and breaking its legs in winter. Fostering has rights that should be observed; but unless posterity's children are armless and legless they will undoubtedly transgress in much the same manner as those of the present day. If sliding down hill be the natural right of every American boy and girl, something should be done to reduce the danger to a minimum. Fountain street hill is too public a place. It is directly in the heart of the business portion of the city, and passes through the most thickly populated residence portion. Twenty years ago coasting on Fountain street might have been comparatively safe. Today it is positively dangerous, both to the coasters and to the public. As a matter of common sense it must be prohibited, and the sport restricted to some less dangerous locality. To the nuisance of howling the residents into a state of fretful sleeplessness is added this danger to life and limb. Away with the nuisance to some other locality, less frequented.

## CLEVELAND AND DANA.

President-elect Cleveland has drawn himself closer to the affections of the people by his attendance upon ex-President Hayes' funeral than by any other act of his life. While the democratic papers have forgotten the charity which in death impels all men to speak well of the deceased, Mr. Cleveland has risen above the meanness of partisanship to pay a tribute of respect to a dead friend whose virtues he knew and admired. It was indeed a sinister mind that would conceive his gracious act to be inspired by other than worthy motives. When the circumstance of office and preference threw the two men together, Mr. Cleveland recognized the quiet dignity and manliness of the ex-president. An admiration and friendship grew up between them that the hand of death could not break. How very different the recognition of his worth by Mr. Cleveland and the malicious hatred of him by Charles A. Dana. The latter could not forbear when the object of his misdirected malice had passed off the stage of existence, but, with heartless cruelty, plunged into his cold corpse the dagger of vindictive envy. Charles A. Dana has posed as an honest, fearless, outspoken defender of right regardless of political consequences. His wanton attack upon the dead whose only fault was his honesty, stamps him in true colors, a miserable hyena and a sneaking, revengeful coward.

## MR. WHITE EXPLAINS.

Explaining his motive in introducing his Stockbridge county bill Mr. White says he seeks to equalize the difference in taxation between the city and townships. He says with truth that the townships have a representation in the board of supervisors far in excess on the proportion of taxes paid by them. This excessive representation enables them to combine to saddle on to the city the burden of taxation until at the present time they pay 67 per cent of the total. The injustice of such a power is obviously great, but Mr. White has not hit upon a popular plan to correct it. His bill not only contravenes the provisions of the state constitution, but it arouses a violent opposition based on political grounds. Had the subject been made one for discussion prior to the introduction of the bill it is probable that Mr. White would not now find himself practically alone in the defense of a friendless and unpopular measure. In so far as his effort to adjust and equalize the wide differences now existing between the city and country representation in the board of supervisors may extend, he is entitled to support and sympathy; but he has been successful in this direction by withdrawing his bill until public opinion is educated up to its merits.

## HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

Grand Rapids is justly proud of its new high school building, or will be if it is ever completed; but it is evident to anybody with eyes that a serious mistake was made in its location. The station cloths cathedral that time ever saw such completion could not maintain its grandeur and majesty if it were placed in a side hill or corner in a sand bank. Instead of the beauty and magnificence that it ought to present, the new building looks out

like a cross between a dugout and the entrance to a railway tunnel. The site has but one virtue—it was economical; but the economy spoiled the appearance of one of the finest structures in the city. The locality has scarcely a redeeming feature—other than that the city already owned the land. There is no campus to speak of and what there is, is a sloped away on the other side of a hill. The grounds were small at first, and are now almost entirely occupied by buildings. With both the Central high school and grammar school crowded with pupils, as they soon will be, there will be about a square foot of campus room for each student. As if the smallness and meanness of the site were not enough, the new building is erected alongside of the ugliest rattletrap structure of its kind in the state. A Venus de Milo and a cigar store Indian placed side by side could not produce a more inartistic effect. But there is some hope for the new high school after all. Some day a school board will tear down the old structure, grade down the campus to the level of the streets, and give the public an opportunity to see that the High school building really has four sides. Perhaps.

## WASHINGTON SOCIETY.

Chief Justice Fuller of the United States supreme court is reported to be seriously considering the idea of resigning, because his salary of \$10,500 is inadequate to meet the requirements of social life in Washington. He says he can earn \$40,000 a year practicing his profession in Chicago, and having had the full enjoyment of the honor of the exalted position he now turns to a more material reward. His announcement, however, calls attention to the social conditions at Washington, which have grown from comparatively modest extractions to almost forbidding exorbitances. Time was when the salaries of government officials were equal to every demand made upon them by social customs. Now the advent of wealth and the expensive social entertainments projected on a scale of lavish magnificence following in the wake of centralized millions has made the capital an uncomfortable place of residence for men of learning and genius with little cash. This transformation has been brought about by slow and unobserved stages of progress. The gay and costly carnivals with which Washington society is sufficed are paid for the purses of American millionaires, princes who have settled in the capital to enjoy the foam, the bubbles and the glamour of high life without restraint. It is not to be considered strange that the chief justice at a salary of \$10,500 is unable to keep pace in such a rapid race.

## OPEN SWITCHES.

Another open switch has paved the way to a hell of misery and death. The frightful accident at Alton yesterday, by which over eighty lives were exposed to a horrible death, and in which nine persons were roasted alive and thirteen others fatally burned, is due to an open switch. The appalling frequency with which such horrifying catastrophes startle the public gives occasion to demand that the opening and closing of railroad switches shall not be left to the uncertainties of human memory, or to the neglect of careless railroad employees. The blame, if blame there be, and there certainly must be, for yesterday's accident is not yet fixed. When it is fixed no practical remedy against future like catastrophes will be forthcoming, unless the lawmakers shall take the subject in hand and compel the railroads to adopt a safety device to close switches. Such a device can be easily made. In this age of invention and automatic machinery a contrivance requiring the continued presence of a man at the switch to keep it open could be conjured and the terror of casualties from open switches would be abated. For yesterday's awful holocaust the railroad companies will pay more for damages to the relatives of the dead and to the injured than would be required to place a safety switch in every track in Illinois.

"It is a poor cause that needs a passionate vindication," says that brilliant religious journal, The Ram's Horn. The apothem is respectfully referred to the persons who persistently think that the world's fair must be closed on Sunday and who denounce in unmeasured terms everybody who disagrees with them.

For all the benefits conferred on the county for its recent session, the board of supervisors could have aspired after the first day's session and made itself more gratefully missed. Aside from increasing salaries and making places for clerks, the time was principally spent in making salaries for the members.

One of the most comprehensive holiday editions of newspapers reaching this office is from the Sioux City Tribune. Its special is a magnificent paper of forty pages, copiously illustrated, well edited and brimful of statistics of Iowa and the industries of Sioux City.

Many of our esteemed country exchanges seem to think that a man's occupation or calling should be made the cornerstone upon which his fitness for public office should be based. To some of them ability, honesty and worthiness are merely incidental.

And the wickedness of the age does not rest with the masculine element of society. A wealthy New York society woman has just been adjudged an insane drunkard. Shades of the Van Twiller and the Knickerbocker fouled.

Hayden made two attempts to hold a Saturday session of the legislature, each of which has been attended by comparative failure, it is likely that all efforts in that line will be abandoned.

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## NEWS OF THE HOTELS.

"This newspaper talks about crime in all your minds," Horace says, "John L. Reed of New York in the Morning yesterday afternoon. 'Every fashion writer, from the female Jew, Mulholland on a London daily down to a plate editor of the most cosmopolitan weekly, has had a series of fits over the new regime of the hoteliers. Editors have been written about the indecency of the crime and the crime has been broken up over it. It's all rot from start to finish. Now let me say something of the coming fashions in dress goods. Last year the majority of women affected colors that were akin to a rainbow struck by lightning, a regular pot pourri of colors as it were. Fashion demands strong contrasts, and as a result everything in dress goods this year is solid color. Navy blue, brown, grey and a sort of enraged ecru is the swell thing."

"You don't want to forget about trimmings," broke in M. A. Giddings. "Trimming will be correspondingly of year. Wide? Well, rather, the wider the braid the more all the effect. Of course the skirt will receive its share of attention, but the crowning glory of the modiste will be those ruche effects which will be the result of the frog, chevron, and all that sort of thing, you know. The trimmings will run to the ruche effect, and from the back to the front, though it is made in Germany. And buckle! Well, there will be a buckle wherever there is the slightest chance of putting one—gold, silver, copper, platinum, brass and pearl. These buckles will be big, at least in the fact that they are long and narrow; the broad variety has gone out. Of course this means belt buckles, and it is in this particular that the feminine mind will have full sway. Take my word for it, the summer girl will be a symphony in any quiet shade that you can imagine, and if of course will be correspondingly effective. Your true summer girl is an ingenu, pure and simple, and—here Mr. Giddings heaved a sigh—"we all know how fascinating they are."

W. B. Mershon and Chester Brown of Saginaw ran into town yesterday to consult with L. M. Weston on the Saginaw salt exhibit at the world's fair. Mr. Mershon wears an astrachan coat, which he claims he bought of a Russian exile, and exhibits a letter from George Keenan to support his claim—that's another story. "We have," said the gentleman with the coat, "spent \$5,500 on the Saginaw room of the Michigan building. Mr. Weston said he would spend \$2,000 more on their salt exhibit, which will beat the world. Very well. Accidents come to everyone in this vale of tears and heavy snows have played the devil with our salt sheds, smashed them all in, but we manage to keep going, even if salt is nothing a barrel. Mr. Brown is wearing a Mackinac cap, you will observe, and still he manages to come to Grand Rapids and sell some furniture." Mr. Brown continued to discuss his oysters. "Saginaw," continued the man with the Mackinac cap, "is a Russian exile, the booming. While we have not all the push that is characteristic of Grand Rapids, still we are alive; very much so."

A. U. Jacoby, Kansas City, is a sign-maker on the Morton register. Mr. Jacoby is the buyer of Robert L. Co., the largest furniture dealers in Kansas. "Which will you have first, furniture or politics?" asked Mr. Jacoby. "Well, the wires sent out from Topeka about the new legislature and attendant blood shed are fakes. The populists are on top now. But the row is a good natured one, and they will lose in the end. That they are in the wrong is amply demonstrated by the fact that the republicans and democrats have all fled; an unbroken of thing. Now for the furniture side of it. You know the west enjoyed a boom season that gave everything a fictitious value. In 1887 this balloon collapsed and many persons were ruined, likewise towns. Free for decades, but in the end, we have overcome this, and today the west is picking up and like-wise our business. I suppose we will handle \$1,000,000 worth of furniture this year."

L. Lineweaver, the millionaire hat manufacturer of Chicago is at the Morton. "Hate? Well, there is little change in men's headgear save that the soft hat and yellow shoes are fashionable in the west. Business is excellent in southern and western states, and on the plains. Now I want to ask your opinion of hats with wheels in the crown. Everyone has a case of wheels, more or less aggravated, you know. Great ideas, isn't it? Better than Seller's eye wash. If Raymond were alive he could gamble away another fortune on this scheme."

"Pennsylvania is now quiet," remarked J. W. Ferree of Allegheny City, "and business in all lines is excellent. The Homestead affair effected some lines of trade; but that is settled now and peace reigns. The east, west, in fact the world has come to Grand Rapids for the first time in its history. I suppose the west is more keen for the latest styles; still the east appreciates fine things and buys them. Personally I believe that this will be the best year known to furniture men."

A. A. Ashton of New York is at the New Livingston. The gentleman is a buyer of horses. He says that Michigan, Indiana and Illinois furnish what is known as the three-quarter horse, a comparatively small animal, which is quick, well bred and hardy, and in much demand in the east.

WILL MAKE NO SHOW. Furniture Manufacturers Decide Not to Go to the World's Fair. About forty furniture men met in H. D. C. Van Amstel's office in the Y. M. C. A. building last night to discuss the problem of a world's fair exhibit. The meeting was strictly private and all reporters were invited to walk out. After more than two hours the secretary of the meeting announced that there would be no exhibit of furniture from Grand Rapids at the world's fair. C. W. Black was seen after the meeting and gave the following reasons for the action:

"The Grand Rapids Furniture association will not make an exhibit because of the location of the space. As all the furniture dealers great and small are in the city, making it impossible to show our goods properly. The space might do for some other kind of exhibit, but it is entirely unsuitable for furniture. The furniture manufacturers feel that they have been unjustly treated and feel that foreign countries have been given more space than they deserve to the exclusion of home products. They know that a fine furniture exhibit would interest the world as much or more than any other industry, for the reason that people generally spend more of their money on their homes and are interested in all that will educate them and teach them to be better."

Clayton Webb's Birthday. Clayton B. Webb, son of Sergeant Webb, celebrated his 10th birthday Friday by giving a supper to his friends at the Trinity church supper choir, of which he is a member. Clayton received several presents from his friends, among them a photograph of the thirty-five members of the choir.

Notes by the Wayside. The Ottawa County Times, published at Holland, Mich., was one year old last Friday. Its editor and publisher, M. G. Manting, is to be congratulated for having passed the first milestone. The Times enters upon its future career under a democratic administration, the success of the latter in Ottawa being no doubt due to the energetic efforts of the Times during the late campaign.